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Philippines

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to the Philippines due to COVID-19. Additionally, exercise increased caution in the Philippines due to crime, terrorism, civil unrest, and kidnapping. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required for stays under 30 days.

US Embassy/Consulate

[63] (2) 301-2000; US Embassy in Manila, 1201 Roxas Boulevard, Manila, Philippines 1000; acsinfomanila@state.gov; <https://ph.usembassy.gov/>

Telephone Code

63

Local Emergency Phone

166117

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission.

On 8 October 2019, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a Travel Health Notice regarding a polio outbreak in the Philippines; CDC recommends that all travelers to the Philippines be vaccinated fully against polio; before traveling to the Philippines, adults who completed their routine polio vaccine series as children should receive a single, lifetime adult booster dose of polio vaccine. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Tropical marine; northeast monsoon (November to April); southwest monsoon (May to October)

Currency (Code)

Philippine pesos (PHP)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 60 Hz / plug type(s): A, B, C



Major Languages	Filipino (based on Tagalog) and English; eight major dialects - Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilocano, Hiligaynon or Ilonggo, Bicol, Waray, Pampango, and Pangasinan
Religions	Roman Catholic 80.6%, Protestant 8.2%, other Christians 3.4%, Muslim 5.6%, tribal religions .2%
Time Difference	UTC+8 (13 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)
Potable Water	Opt for bottled water.
International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Right
Tourist destinations	Chocolate Hills; Underground River Tour; Batad Rice Terraces; Historic Tour of Corregidor Island (includes Pacific War Memorial, Malinta Tunnel); Pagsanjan Falls
Major Sports	Soccer, basketball, boxing, arnis (national martial art of the Philippines)
Cultural Practices	Use academic, professional, or honorific titles and a person's surname until you are invited to use their first name.
Tipping Guidelines	Do not feel pressure to leave a tip if the service is poor. Locals often round up the taxi fare.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and](http://www.aaa.com)

[American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aataidp.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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